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Sir:

The following information is disclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

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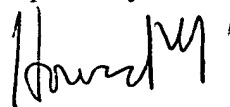
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Due consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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